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BUSINESS NOTES

RAILROADS SEEK BIG GOVERNMENT LOANS

New Haven Plans to Meet European Loan at Maturity.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The Seaboard Air Line in a blanket application to-day notified the Interstate Commerce Commission that it needed large sums of money, the total not being given, but \$14,000,000 being mentioned as a likely requisite to continue operations and extend its lines.

The Minneapolis and St. Louis asked for \$20,000,000 in a Government loan to strengthen bridges, add new equipment and improve facilities along its lines. To get securities for collateral the railroad's bondholders have agreed to give up 25 per cent. of their holdings in exchange for an issue of 6 per cent. preferred stock.

The Atlanta, Birmingham and Atlantic, through its receiver, asked for \$22,650,000 to pay for fuel and supplies. The New York, New Haven and Hartford, which has plans for meeting the maturity of its \$27,582,000 "European loan" sought to issue securities necessary in the conduct of its plan.

ANTI-EVOLUTION BILL OUT

Reversing Stand Kentucky House Committee Reports Measure.

FRANKFORT, Ky., March 2.—Reversing its stand the House Education Committee to-day reported an anti-evolution bill for first reading. It was announced yesterday it would be reported for second reading.

This measure, the first of three evolution bills introduced in the Assembly and is regarded as the most radical. It would forbid the teaching of "atheism, agnosticism, infidelity and evolution as related to the origin of man" in schools and colleges of the State.

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CANADA TOLL

RECIPROCITY NOW

President Will Act When Pending Tariff Bill Becomes Law.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—William S. Fielding, who came to Washington several days ago in the interest of a general tariff reciprocity agreement between the United States and Canada, has been advised by Congressional leaders that Congress does not look with favor at this time on such an agreement.

Mr. Fielding has been in conference on the subject with the chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, who to-day expressed unfavorable opposition to putting in force the 1911 reciprocity act.

Minister Fielding, it developed to-day, had a conference yesterday with Secretary Hoover and was understood to have informed the commerce secretary that Canada now was ready to reconsider the previous action of her Parliament declining reciprocity with the United States. Secretary Hoover, it was said, had no suggestion to make on the subject.

FOREIGN BANK STATEMENTS

LONDON, March 2.—The Bank of England's weekly statement shows changes as follows:

Total reserve decreased	£1,577,000
Circulation increased	1,547,000
Gold in hand increased	134,000
Reserve in circulation increased	1,413,000
Treasury deposits increased	1,183,000
Public deposits decreased	10,677,000
Notes in circulation	1,434,000
Government securities held	68,000,000
Proportion of reserve to liability this week	17.78 per cent.
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Rate of discount	4 1/2 per cent.

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